

(Atty. Docket: 17439)

As a below named inventor, I declare that: My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name. I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled, (1) Hitch Device for Attaching Farm Implements to a Tractor, the specification of which is attached hereto unless the following box is checked: (2) ☐ was filed on (3)\_\_\_\_ (4) as U. S. Appl. SN or PCT International Appl. No. \_\_\_\_\_ and was amended on (5)\_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).

I state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above. I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56. I claim priority benefits under 35 USC 119 of any United States or foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any United States or foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior United States or Foreign Application(s)

	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>COUNTRY</u>	<u>DAY/MONTH/YEAR FILED</u>	<u>PRIORITY CLAIMED</u>
(6)	<u>B02002A000612</u>	<u>Italy</u>	<u>09/27/2002</u>	[X] Yes [ ] No [ ] Yes [ ] No

I claim the benefit under 35 USC 120 of the United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 USC 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

Appln. Serial No.	Filing Date
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(7) (Status: ☐ Patented ☐ Pending ☐ Abandoned)

I appoint all patent practitioners associated with **Customer No. 25542**, individually and jointly, my attorneys/agents with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith, and with the resulting patent.

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I declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 USC 1001 and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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